

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KNOCKANANNA**  
County : **WICKLOW**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	18
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	14	15
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	27
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>209</b>

## **Knockananna, County Wicklow**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

Thank you for the enclosed map with the application which allowed for easy location of all points in the village. The committee of 12 is sizable for a small village and great strides could be made with such a committee. The outline plan of work is very worthwhile and more precise priorities should be made as well as action plans to complete these. Help from whatever public body is appropriate would be welcome and approaches should be made where needed.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There is an interesting layout in the village with all the roads converging to one point. The new church is very attractive and the old church used as a hall is an excellent facility. Some attention to the paintwork of the hall would be helpful before it deteriorates too much. The walls by the roadside make a nice feature in several places. The wall enclosed triangle in the village is an important feature as well as the 1950 memorial and the 1798 memorial. The thatched houses are an interesting feature as is the "split the wind" house. The caravan behind the Credit Union is unattractive as is the caravan in the field opposite the post office. The school is well maintained.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The efforts made with plantings are attractive. The insets at the walls with good permanent plantings look well. The planting by the corner opposite the post office also looks well.

The Holy Year memorial is in need of attention with the weeds growing through the surface. Plant growth is encroaching on the memorial from behind. The green behind the 1950 memorial also requires more attention and the picnic seats are in poor condition. Similarly the 1798 memorial appears neglected. Individual gardens are well tended and add to the general appearance of the village. The church grounds are well kept. The central triangle seems lacking in impact. For a start, does the wall have to be so high? Could it be the same height as the other planted areas? A renewal of the plants in this area is also needed.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Under this heading there are opportunities to investigate or survey the immediate countryside with schools, perhaps, being involved as a group project. Wildflower area developments and promoting general awareness of the countryside's assets would be worthwhile projects.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Generally the litter control is good within the main areas. Outside these areas, along the approaches, some litter was noted.

## **TIDINESS**

The main stretch of village appears tidy. The memorials, the caravans, the area behind the pub where materials are stored and the paling and gate opposite the shop give an untidy impression. The telephone kiosk is in a very poor state and many road signs need attention. The leaving of cut grass on the surface is unattractive and leads to an untidiness as it rots and gets blown about.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The individual houses are generally well maintained. There are some very well maintained gardens which contribute well to the village scene.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

There are serious defects in the surface of the roads. While pot holes have been filled, this is only a temporary measure and a more permanent job is needed. The approach roads are in keeping with the natural countryside. Removal of the grass cuttings, as mentioned before, is important. On the Hacketstown road the warning for children crossing is half obscured. Underground cabling would be good as has happened in many villages and towns.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

There is evidence of an active committee. It has been a very wet early summer and this has allowed a lot of weed growth and little opportunity for work. Hopefully in the later summer this can be rectified. The poles in the triangle appear to be for hanging baskets.